

# MIDDLE LIFE

A Time When Women Are Susceptible to Many Dread Diseases—Intelligent Women Prepare for it. Two Relate their Experiences.

The "change of life" is the most critical period of a woman's existence, and the anxiety felt by women as it draws near is not without reason.

Every woman who neglects the care of her health at this time invites disease and pain.

When her system is in a deranged condition, or she is predisposed to a scrofulous, or congested condition of any organ, the tendency is at this period likely to become active—and with a host of nervous irritations make life a burden. At this time, also, cancers and tumors are more liable to form and begin their destructive work.

Such warning symptoms as sense of suffocation, hot flashes, headaches, backaches, dizziness, fainting, nervousness, palpitation of the heart, spasms before the eyes, irregularities, constipation, variable appetite, weakness, inquietude, and dizziness, are promptly heeded by intelligent women who are approaching the period in life when woman's great change may be expected.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was prepared to meet the needs of woman's system at this trying period of her life. It invigorates and strengthens the female organism and builds up the weakened nervous system.

For special advice regarding this important period women are invited to write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., and it will be furnished absolutely free of charge. The present Mrs. Pinkham is the daughter-in-law of Lydia E. Pinkham, her assistant before her decease, and for twenty-five years since her advice has been freely given to sick women.

Read what Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound did for Mrs. Hyland and Mrs. Hinkle:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham—  
"I had been suffering with displacement of the organs for years and was passing through the change of life. My abdomen was badly swollen; my stomach was sore; I had dizzy spells, sick headaches, and was very nervous."

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Succeeds Where Others Fail.



Mrs. A. E. G. Hyland

"I wrote you for advice and commenced treatment with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as you directed, and I am happy to say that all those distressing symptoms have passed safely through the change of life. I am now recommending your medicine to all my friends."—Mrs. Annie E. G. Hyland, Chester, N. H.

## Another Woman's Case.

"During change of life women cannot express what I suffered. My physician said I had a cancerous condition of the female organs. One day I read some of the testimonials of women who had been cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I decided to try it and to write you for advice. Your medicine made me a well woman, and all my bad symptoms soon disappeared."

"I advise every woman at this period of life to take your medicine and write you for advice."—Mrs. Lizzie Hinkle, Salem, Ind.

What Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did for Mrs. Hyland and Mrs. Hinkle it will do for other women at this time of life.

It has conquered pain, restored health, and prolonged life in cases that utterly baffled physicians.

## The Times' Daily Short Story.

### Two Scapegraces

(Original.)

There is no other frisky animal as a midshipman in the navy—that is, where the midshipman is ashore on leave. Possibly now that war vessels have changed from light wooden structures, riding the waves with white wings like a bird, to a machine shop driven by steam some of the romance may have been knocked out of the midshipman, but fifty years ago, when the United States frigate Honeybee sailed into Havana harbor, she had as rollicking a lot of "juniors" as ever were got together in a fighting ship.

Bob Merrett and Ned Perry, both midshipmen, could get into more mischief in one day ashore than the rest of the officers would meet in a month. No sooner had the Honeybee dropped her anchor than both lads applied for leave to go ashore.

"You can go," said their commander, "but remember that these Spaniards are a hot, jealous lot, and if you're not careful you'll be brought back with a machete sticking in you."

The injunction was unheeded. The midshipmen went into Havana, hired a vehicle for a drive and, passing the plantation of Don Antonio Cardozo, espied Donna Ysabel Cardozo, his daughter, aged fifteen, playing under the palms at some distance from the house.

Now, what followed would have stricken the girl's parents with horror. They considered Ysabel a child, forgetting that in the tropics girls expand like the foliage. The young rascals called to Donna Ysabel to ask the road, chatted with her in bad Spanish and asked her to dance. She cast a frightened glance in the direction of the house, climbed the wall, and, taking a seat between the two midshipmen, away they went as fast as the bony, half-starved horse could take them. Either officer made a good chapman, so there was really no harm in the escapade except a violation of custom.

The side finished, the girl was dropped safely where she had been taken up, and, during the stay of the Honeybee in the port of Havana, Bob Merrett made frequent visits to the palm wood, at last calling away with Donna Ysabel's heart. A year passed before he saw her again, when his ship touched at Havana and he went to the Cardozo plantation with a proposition for the girl's hand. He was informed that if he showed his face there again he would find a resting place in a neighboring cemetery.

Bob went back to the ship and told his sorrow to his friend Perry. The result of the interview was that Perry agreed to go to the plantation in midday, steal away the girl and take her to a village the two midshipmen had passed through on their way to the plantation.

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## SALTON SEA A MENACE

Southern California Becoming Alarmed

### COLORADO RIVER TURNED

By Plans for Irrigation—Railroad Co. Forced to Move Its Tracks—Some Diplomatic Complications Result With Mexico.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 10.—Who is responsible for the creation of the Salton sea in southern California, which already covers an area of 400 square miles and threatens to spread over 2,000 square miles if some means of diverting the Colorado river cannot be devised?

This question is perplexing Mexico and American diplomats, but for the time diplomatic representations have been suspended, and both countries are bending every effort to check the river which has been accidentally turned from its course through the efforts of the California development company to irrigate lands in northern Mexico and southern California.

Again and again the Southern Pacific railroad has been compelled to move its tracks, which ran through the Salton sink, and have been forced on to the foothills surrounding the great basin. Several small towns are now beneath the water which the Colorado has poured into the basin, and in many cases only the tops of the railway telegraph poles indicate where the roadbed formerly was.

In the lowest part of the sink the water is now 70 feet deep. For a time the water from the Colorado raised the sea at the rate of six inches a day, and it has been estimated that, granting the failure of engineers to check the river, in 40 years all the basin located beneath the Colorado will be covered with water. A part of this basin is in Mexico, and the failure to control the river would give this country and Mexico a lake comparable to the great lakes separating the United States and Canada. At present the lake is greater than any body of water wholly within the United States except Salt Lake and Lake Michigan.

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## GLIMPSES OF THE MODE.

New Accordion Plated Skirt—Corded Vests—A Smart Coat Trimming.

Accordion plated skirts are a novelty of the season. We have been wearing skirts of this description for some time, but the new models are more like knife platings laid rather shallow, and the skirt is not so full.

Wide corded belts are very fashionable fastened with handsome buckles of antique or new art designs.

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